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Subject: Family Strengthening Conference

To: ONS Resettlement Provider Directors

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The Virginia Department of Social Services is sponsoring a conference on Family Strengthening and Fatherhood Initiatives on Tuesday, September 28. The conference is for community and faith-based partners and social services staff. Conference topics address the importance of the father and the mother in children's lives.

Registration is limited to 200 participants; so, early registration is encouraged. On line registration can be done by right-[clicking here](#) and selecting 'open hyperlink.'

There is no registration fee. A block of rooms are available at the hotel for \$84 a night (plus 13% sales taxes). For this special room price, make your reservation before September 17 and ask for the "Family Strengthening" group rate. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-397-1034.

The agenda is attached. It includes the location for the conference.

Note: On September 29th there is a second session that is limited to VDSS and private child placing agency staff. Refugee resettlement agency staff should register only for day one, September 28.

Note: This and all ONS transmittals are posted at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/ons/transmittals.cgi>

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
FAMILY STRENGTHENING & FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Holiday Inn Select - Koger South Conference Center
1021 Koger Center Boulevard
Richmond, VA

Tuesday, September 28 - Day 1				
8:00 - 4:00	Registration and Exhibit Areas Open			
8:00 - 8:30	BREAKFAST			
8:30 - 8:45	General Opening Session <i>Martin Brown, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services</i> Welcome & Opening Remarks			
8:45 - 9:00	Networking Break			
9:00 - 10:30	Bring Your 'A' Game- Developing Resources for Teen Fathers	Means, Motive and Opportunity: Engaging the Faith Community in Family Strengthening	Resuming Male Emotional Development	Engaging Parents: A Path to Children's Well-being
10:45 - 11:45	Open Time Slot			
11:45 - 12:30	LUNCH			
12:45 - 1:15	<i>The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr. MD, Secretary of Health and Human Services</i> Governor's Introduction <i>The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell, Governor of Virginia</i> Official Greetings			
1:30- 2:00	<i>Vicki Turetsky, Commissioner, National Office of Child Support Enforcement</i> Keynote Speaker Address			
2:15 - 3:45	Implications for Healthy Relationships and Father Involvement	Increasing Involvement by Improving Communication: Mediation and Parent Education Seminars	Hip Hop and Fatherhood	Involving Moms in Involving Dads
3:45 - 4:30	Wrap Up, Closing and Evaluations			